

# HURRICANE SEASON: BE PREPARED!





# OVERVIEW

- Hurricane Season
- HURCON's
- Family Disaster Kit
- Sheltering On Base
- Evacuations
- Returning Home





# HURRICANE SEASON

- Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.
- Hurricanes have winds of at least 74 mph.
- Hurricane season is 1 June – 30 Nov, peaking between August and September.
- The four hazards produced by a hurricane are storm surge, high winds, heavy rainfall, and tornadoes
- Plan accordingly – Have a family disaster plan in place.
- Evacuations – If an evacuation is ordered don't be caught unprepared.



# HURRICANE CONDITIONS

- Know Hickam AFB hurricane conditions (HURCONS) 4-1. These are conditions and response phases letting individuals know when hurricanes could possibly hit Hickam AFB.

## Hurricane Conditions (HURCONs)/Response Phases

HURCON 4 ALEART PHASE	Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 72 hours or when the storm enters within an 800 nautical mile radius of Hickam AFB.
HURCON 3 PREPARATION PHASE	Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours.
HURCON 2 FINAL PREPARATION PHASE	Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 24 hours.
HURCON 1 SECURE PHASE	Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 12 hours.
RECOVERY PHASE	Actions taken to reestablish primary mission capability and return Hickam AFB to normal operations.



# FAMILY DISASTER KIT

- Water - One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that do not require refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- First Aid Kit
- Local maps

A satellite image showing a large, well-defined eye of a hurricane over the Atlantic Ocean.

# SPECIAL ITEMS

Remember family members with special needs, such as infants and elderly or disabled persons.

## For Baby

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medications



## For Adults

- Heart and high blood pressure medication
- Insulin
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs





# PREPARING YOUR PETS

- Pet food and treats
- Water bowls, cat litter and litter box
- Drinkable water in plastic bottles
- Manual can opener
- Pet medications and medical records in a waterproof container
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and/or carriers
- Current photos of your pet
- The name of your veterinarian
- Pet beds and toys





## **SHELTERING ON BASE**

- Shelters are facilities capable of withstanding hurricane strength winds and are located out of a flood area.
- Dorm Residents will shelter in their dormitories.
- Housing residents will shelter in their homes unless otherwise directed.
- When directed military personnel and dependents will report to an established shelter location.



# VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS

## Voluntary (Cat 1)

- 15 AW/CC approves release of duty for non-mission critical military personnel
- Liberal leave policy will be in effect for non-mission critical personnel
- No entitlements authorized, travel and lodging at members expense



# **RECOMMENDED EVACUATION**

## **Recommended (Cat 2 and Low Cat 3)**

- 15 AW/CC approves release of duty for non-mission critical military personnel and their dependents
- Administrative leave, as prescribed by the commander, will be in effect for non-mission critical personnel
- No entitlements authorized, travel and lodging at members expense



# MANDATORY EVACUATION

## Mandatory (High Cat 3 and above)

- Required evacuation of all military personnel and their dependents from Hickam AFB, except designated “ride out” crews
- Non-mission critical personnel will be on administrative leave
- Reimbursement for certain expenses incurred during evacuation





## RETURNING HOME

- Beware of outside animals/reptiles seeking shelter in or around your home.
- Report property damage to your insurance agent immediately.
- Make emergency repairs and document them. Keep all receipts and take photographs of the damages, before and after the emergency repairs, to submit with your insurance claim.
- Take precautions if the damages require you to leave your home. Secure your property, by locking windows and doors and removing all valuable items.



**QUESTIONS ?**

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